

IN THE CLAIMS

**Claim 1 (currently amended).** A pressure sensitive adhesive for single-sided or double-sided adhesive sheet strips which are redetachable from substrates without residue or destruction by extensive stretching in the plane of the bond, composed of a mixture comprising a block copolymer and a tackifier, wherein at least one compound superabsorbent which is swellable in H<sub>2</sub>O is incorporated into the mixture.

**Claim 2 (cancelled).**

**Claim 3 (currently amended).** The pressure sensitive adhesive as claimed in claim 1 or 2, wherein said at least one swellable compound superabsorbent is present in an amount of from 0.5 to 20% by weight, based on the weight of adhesive.

**Claim 4 (currently amended).** The pressure sensitive adhesive as claimed in claim 3, wherein said at least one swellable compound superabsorbent is present in an amount of from 2 to 8% by weight, based on the weight of adhesive.

**Claim 5 (currently amended).** The pressure sensitive adhesive as claimed in claim 1 or 2, wherein said at least one swellable compound is a mixture of two comprising one or more further swellable compounds.

**Claim 6 (currently amended).** The pressure sensitive adhesive as claimed in claim 2 1, wherein said at least one superabsorbent is a sodium salt of a crosslinked polyacrylic acid, a starch-modified crosslinked polyacrylic acid, a crosslinked polyacrylamide, a crosslinked polysulfonic acid or carboxymethylcellulose.

**Claim 7 (previously presented).** The pressure sensitive adhesive as claimed in claim 1, further comprising at least one additive.

**Claim 8 (previously presented).** A single-sided or double-sided adhesive sheet strip comprising the pressure sensitive adhesive of claim 1.

**Claim 9 (previously presented).** The pressure sensitive adhesive as claimed in claim 5, wherein said superabsorbent is a sodium salt of a crosslinked polyacrylic acid, a

starch-modified crosslinked polyacrylic acid, a crosslinked polyacrylamide, a crosslinked polysulfonic acid or carboxymethylcellulose.